

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Indiana (Mr. DONNELLY) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), are necessarily absent.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) would have voted "nay."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 52, nays 40, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 262 Leg.]

#### YEAS—52

Baldwin	Heitkamp	Reid
Begich	Hirono	Reid
Bennet	Johnson (SD)	Rockefeller
Blumenthal	Kaine	Sanders
Booker	Klobuchar	Schatz
Boxer	Landrieu	Schumer
Brown	Leahy	Shaheen
Cantwell	Levin	Stabenow
Cardin	Manchin	Tester
Carper	Markey	Udall (CO)
Casey	McCaskill	Udall (NM)
Coons	Menendez	Walsh
Durbin	Merkley	Warner
Feinstein	Mikulski	Warner
Franken	Murphy	Warren
Gillibrand	Murray	Whitehouse
Hagan	Nelson	Wyden
Heinrich	Pryor	

#### NAYS—40

Alexander	Flake	Murkowski
Ayotte	Graham	Paul
Boozman	Grassley	Portman
Burr	Heller	Risch
Coats	Hoeven	Rubio
Coburn	Inhofe	Scott
Cochran	Isakson	Sessions
Collins	Johanns	Shelby
Corker	Johnson (WI)	Thune
Cornyn	King	Toomey
Crapo	Kirk	Vitter
Cruz	Lee	Wicker
Enzi	McCain	
Fischer	McConnell	

#### NOT VOTING—8

Barrasso	Donnelly	Moran
Blunt	Harkin	Roberts
Chambliss	Hatch	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote the yeas are 52, the nays are 40. Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is rejected.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the next two rollcall votes be 10 minutes in duration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session and pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the

Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The bill clerk read as follows:

#### CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Harry Reid, Barbara Boxer, Benjamin L. Cardin, Barbara A. Mikulski, Richard J. Durbin, Mazie K. Hirono, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Christopher A. Coons, Sheldon Whitehouse, Tom Udall, Edward J. Markey, Sherrod Brown, Tim Kaine, Bernard Sanders, Jeff Merkley, Cory A. Booker, Thomas R. Carper.

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I have a parliamentary inquiry. Do I have a minute to speak in favor of this nominee?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There is 2 minutes equally divided.

#### BARAN AND BURNS NOMINATIONS

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I wish to speak about the two nominees who are coming back to back. I thank Senator VITTER for allowing us to move these forward. I thank the majority leader for bringing them up.

We are down on the membership of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. We need to fill these positions. One of the nominees is Jeffery Baran. I will be very quick.

Mr. Baran has had more than 10 years of experience, including his current role as staff director of energy and commerce on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, where he actually oversaw the NRC and he staffed 13 hearings overseeing the NRC.

The other nominee is Mr. Stephen Burns, who has served in many roles, most recently as general counsel for the NRC from 2009 to 2012. He has a wide range of experience in policy and enforcement issues.

As long as I have been around, I have not seen two more qualified nominees. I urge my colleagues to vote for cloture and then, when we vote tomorrow, yes on the nominations themselves.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate?

By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Indiana (Mr. DONNELLY) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH),

the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) would have voted "nay" and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY) would have voted "nay."

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN). Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The yeas and nays resulted—52 yeas, 39 nays, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 263 Ex.]

#### YEAS—52

Baldwin	Heitkamp	Reed
Begich	Hirono	Reid
Bennet	Johnson (SD)	Rockefeller
Blumenthal	Kaine	Sanders
Booker	King	Schatz
Boxer	Klobuchar	Schumer
Brown	Landrieu	Shaheen
Cantwell	Leahy	Stabenow
Cardin	Levin	Tester
Carper	Markey	Udall (CO)
Casey	McCaskill	Udall (NM)
Coons	Menendez	Walsh
Durbin	Merkley	Warner
Feinstein	Mikulski	Warren
Franken	Murphy	Whitehouse
Gillibrand	Murray	Wyden
Hagan	Nelson	
Heinrich	Pryor	

#### NAYS—39

Alexander	Fischer	McCain
Ayotte	Flake	McConnell
Boozman	Graham	Murkowski
Burr	Grassley	Paul
Coats	Heller	Portman
Coburn	Hoeven	Risch
Cochran	Inhofe	Rubio
Collins	Isakson	Scott
Corker	Johanns	Sessions
Cornyn	Johnson (WI)	Thune
Crapo	Kirk	Toomey
Cruz	Lee	Vitter
Enzi	Manchin	Wicker

#### NOT VOTING—9

Barrasso	Donnelly	Moran
Blunt	Harkin	Roberts
Chambliss	Hatch	Shelby

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote the yeas are 52, the nays are 39. The motion is agreed to.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The bill clerk read as follows:

#### CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Stephen G. Burns, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Harry Reid, Barbara Boxer, Benjamin L. Cardin, Barbara A. Mikulski, Richard J. Durbin, Mazie K. Hirono, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Christopher A. Coons, Sheldon Whitehouse, Tom Udall, Edward J. Markey, Sherrod Brown, Tim Kaine, Bernard Sanders, Jeff Merkley, Cory A. Booker, Thomas R. Carper.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There is now 2 minutes of debate equally divided.

Mrs. BOXER. I urge an "aye" vote.

I yield back all time.